

ESSAY UNIT 9 VOCABULARY

1. Read the essay and identify which Jobs does the writer talk about?

My first job was as a waiter. I did it when I first left school, just to earn money. It was fun, really, but it was very hard work. I had to work long hours and of course I was always on my feet! It wasn't very challenging – I had to remember the customers' orders, but that was all, really. And I didn't get paid holidays, so that wasn't good.

So after about five months I gave in my notice and got a job as a shop assistant in a bookstore. I really enjoyed that because I like books and I like talking to people about them. I was very good at the job, and after a few months I was promoted to store manager. That was great! I got on-the-job training about management and things, and I was happy because I was starting a career – well, I thought I was. After two years, the bookstore closed because there wasn't enough business.

Now I've got a few more years' experience, and I work as a management consultant. The pay is fantastic and the work is quite interesting. I guess you can say I'm successful. But you know what? Sometimes I miss being a waiter and just having jokes with the customers!

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2. Match the expressions in bold with their definitions. Write the words.

1. The money you get for doing a job. _____
2. To get money for doing a job. _____
3. Give a higher position. _____
4. Beginning a job that you might do for life. _____
5. Achieving a lot and/or making a lot of money. _____
6. Be paid for the weeks that you don't work. _____
7. Say you didn't want a job any more. _____
8. To work many hours everyday _____
9. A way of learning to do a job at the same time that you do it.
